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Dear Josh,

Mario has told me that you have mentioned to Luca the possibility that I come to Stanford this year. The idea seems great but it is impossible for me to come for more than 2-3 months. In order to stay away for a longer period of time I should get an official leave from the University. Such a leave should be approved by the Faculty and right now it appears unfeasible.

As I am teaching the second semester and I have to attend a symposium in Hungary during the first half of September, I am wondering if the period September 15th-December 15th would be convenient for you. Unfortunately the stay will be too short to do much work and financially it will be impossible to take the family with me.

I don't know if you have already some idea about the work. As far as I am concerned, I am in a period of considerable confusion and I am planning to change my line of research. As yet I have not made up my mind but I am convinced that in a few months it will be impossible to do any work requiring a laboratory. The type of work that I have been doing up to now depended to some extent on the activity of other people (younger scientists, technicians etc.) and it will be impossible to get this help in a very near future. Alienation is the prevailing mood in Pavia and elsewhere. For all these reasons too I would welcome more than ever the opportunity to come to Stanford but I am not so sure that I may be of much help in the lab.

Let me hear from you. Best regards

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P.S. I have a number of requests for the paper in J. Bact. v. 104.

, Shall I send them to you?